

# Pause to remember liberty defenders

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Our nation will pause May 26 to remember those who paid the ultimate price in defense of liberty and American ideals. As we celebrate Memorial Day, I ask each of you to pay tribute to these fallen heroes and to renew your commitment to pre-

serving the freedoms they died for.

Whether they gave their lives at Concord in the Revolutionary War or in the skies over Iraq during Desert Storm, the military men and women who came before us have left a proud legacy and we owe it to them to carry the torch of liberty into the next century. We are reminded that courage, duty and valor are not forgotten.

As airmen and civilians in the United States Air Force, we are familiar with the call of duty and the significant impact it has on the lives of our fellow Americans. Our missions place great demands on each of us and our families, but the reward of peace is well worth our efforts. You have helped to maintain the peace in Bosnia and Liberia, and you have provided food and humanitarian


supplies throughout Europe and Africa. And you have given hope to those who believed there was none.

I am proud to serve with each of you and to sustain the proud heritage of our United States Armed Forces. Take pride in your service to our country and the heritage represented in that service. All veterans – past and present – can stand tall on Memorial Day.

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### Leave island without leave

**Is it possible for RAF Lakenheath people to leave the United Kingdom without taking leave?**

No, but we've proposed using a U.S. European Command Form 80-R in lieu of a leave request to allow for passage through British Immigration without having to be on a leave status. British authorities are presently considering this and we'll let our community know their decision. Until then, Liberty Wing mem-

bers are required to be on leave status when visiting outside the United Kingdom.

### Thanks to housing

**I would like to extend my appreciation to Ian Taylor from housing referral. I had some problems when I moved from the dorms to an off-base location. I believe that without Ian's intervention, I would probably have lived in a hotel for a while.**

Thanks for your call. Our housing office takes pride in its customer service. When people like Ian take that extra step and extra care in their work, it makes life a little bit easier for our "family." I'm glad we succeeded in getting you settled.

### Thanks to skating rink

**A few months ago, there was a teen age lock-in at the skating rink. The people in charge did a fantastic job. My daughter felt unwell and decided to come home. Within 20 minutes, the rink had called to let me know that she was not there. I think that's great that I can let my daughter go to something like that and know that there are responsible adults there.**

Thanks for your feedback. The lock-in at the skating rink was the first teen-directed activity sponsored by the Lakenheath-Mildenhall joint Youth Action Team. Both communities are dedicated to taking a pro-

active role in the lives of our youth. By providing a fun and interactive environment, they ensured the teen's safety and well-being. I echo your thanks to all of those who assisted with the lock-in. If you're interested in assisting the YAT with future events, call Barbara Board at Ext. 2935.

### Is sick daycare possible

**Is it possible to institute a "sick daycare," perhaps one room in the child development center with a Red Cross nurse or a volunteer who could care for kids with a minor virus or cold? This would prevent sickness from spreading throughout the CDC room and affecting the other people, and let active duty members return to work as scheduled.**

I appreciate your suggestion, but at this time we are unable to provide a daycare facility for sick children. We currently have more than 400 children on the waiting list for the CDC. To designate one room for sick children will take away space for up to 12 other children. Also, our medical experts advise that it isn't a good practice to mix sick children with other sick children. The best place for a non-serious sick child is at home if at all possible. We understand that this puts a greater burden on you as parents, but is in the best interest of the children.



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